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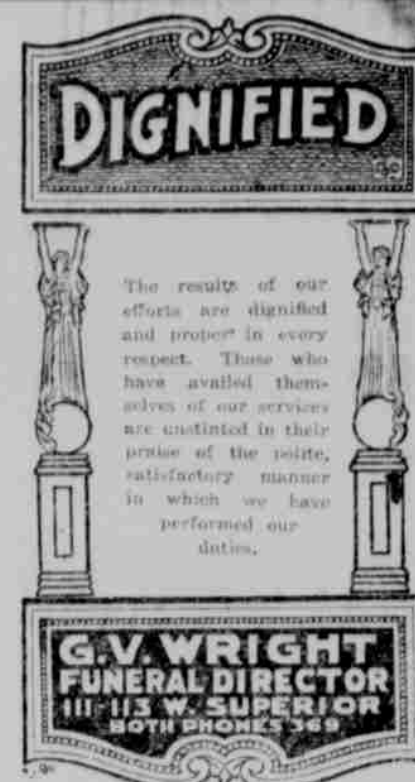
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## NEW REPORT ON LIVESTOCK

### FEBRUARY REPORT OF DEPARTMENT DEALS WITH LIVESTOCK OF STATE

The annual live stock estimates, based upon reports received from a large number of leading farmers and stock raisers representing every county and practically every neighborhood in the state, indicate a falling off during the past year in the number of each kind of live stock except mules and dairy cows. The price of each kind has also declined, although the average for horses and mules shows a change of only three dollars per head. According to the joint report issued by Herman H. Halladay, State Commissioner of Agriculture and Verne H. Church, Agricultural Statistician, U. S. Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates, the total value of live stock on the farms of Michigan, January 1, 1922, was \$137,906,000, as compared with \$165,613,000 the revised valuation for last year, a decline of approximately 15 per cent. The decrease from the high value point of January 1, 1920, amounts to about 37 per cent.

The number of horses in Michigan steadily increased up to about the beginning of the war. Since that time there has been a decline owing to the extended usage of automobiles, trucks and tractors. Many less colts are being raised. The number of sires licensed by the State is about 60 per cent less than it was five years ago. The estimated number of horses of all ages on farms is 594,000 with an average value of \$94 per head.

There are about 6,000 mules in the State, the number not changing materially from year to year. The average value is \$94 per head. Since the marked decline in the of farm crops, the dairy industry shows a relatively greater profit. While the number of dairy cows fell off considerably during 1920, farmers have since increased their herds. The estimate is now placed at 967,000 or nearly as many as shown by the Census on January 1, 1920. The average value is \$53 per head as compared with \$70 one year ago, and \$96 two years ago.

The heavy losses sustained by those that fed cattle last year have greatly reduced the number on feed this year, and this is partially reflected in the number now on farms. The estimates indicate a total of 576,000 as compared with 588,000 one year ago. The average value per head is \$21.80; last year it was \$29.00; and two years ago, \$41.60.

The number of sheep is 1,115,000 as compared with 1,161,000 last year and 1,209,191 two years ago. Losses in feeding lambs and the relatively low price of wool are the contributing factors in the reduction of numbers. However, there has been some renewal of interest in the industry during the last few months due to higher prices of lambs and a better demand for wool. The average value per head on January 1 was \$5.20. On the same date in 1921, it was \$6.80; in 1920, \$11.70.

There has been a reduction of three per cent during the last year in the number of swine, the number on January 1 being 1,051,000. The value per head has dropped from \$22.09 in 1920 to \$14.30 in 1921 and to \$11.30 in 1922. Reports indicate that breeding stock is in good demand and that farmers expect to carry a larger number of swine during the coming season than they did last year.

### TOWN LINE

Mrs. Rosa Newcomb has been on the sick list.

William Sullivan of Alma called on his daughter, Mrs. Homer Leonard, and family Sunday.

Miss Ella Shoemaker spent Monday night with Virginia Joseph.

George Shoemaker attended the dance at Biglows on Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall and family visited his sister, Mrs. Homer Osborn, and family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Martin and mother and sister from Alma spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Matt Johnson and family.

Misses Zelma and Thelma Isham spent Saturday with Miss Dessia Andrus of Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto have been entertaining company from Lansing.

R. Campbell of Alma has rented the Veeder farm.

Rex Johnson spent Sunday forenoon with F. Whitcraft.

## Local Happenings Tersely Told

What is The Foolish Age?—advertisement

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers. 02-tfc

Ralph Chisholm of Breckenridge attended the Ypsi-Alma game Saturday evening.

New Spring Millinery now on display at D. W. Robinson's, Alma.—advertisement

Dr. E. G. Sluyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones. 57-tf

Get your 1922 automobile licenses of Sharrar & Watson, Alma, Mich.—advertisement—32tf

The Arcadia Ladies Aid Society will hold a pot-luck dinner at the Grange hall on Thursday, March 2.

New Spring Suits priced at \$16.95 and \$21.75 on display at D. W. Robinson's, Alma.—advertisement

The Woman's Club will meet Monday, February 27, with Mrs. William A. Bahlke, 608 State street.

New Spring Cretones, priced at 35c and up—on display at D. W. Robinson's, Alma.—advertisement

Can you beat it? 9x12 Rugs priced at \$9.75 and up—on display at D. W. Robinson's, Alma.—advertisement

W. J. Melchers of Owosso, general manager of the Union Telephone Co., was in the city on business Friday.

See the new Chapley Club Sport Skirts at \$7.50—on display at D. W. Robinson's, Alma.—advertisement

The Arcadia Grange will hold a baked goods sale at the gas office on Saturday, February 25th.—advertisement

H. C. Moore of Flint, former cashier of the Alma State Savings Bank of this city, was an Alma visitor yesterday.

Mrs. M. J. Reece of Marquette is visiting at the home of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Reece for a short time.

Just arrived—New Spring line of Ladies' Lace and Organdy Collars—on display at D. W. Robinson's, Alma.—advertisement

New Spring Dresses in Taffeta and Canton Crepes—wonderful values at \$16.95 and \$26.50—on display at D. W. Robinson's, Alma.—advertisement

Mr. A. Witkam of Grand Rapids spent Saturday and Sunday visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. B. Grosskopf, on West End street.

Leslie Koepfgen and Oscar Anderson of Bay City attended the Zeta Sigma stag banquet and the Ypsi-Alma game here Saturday evening.

The Fortnightly of the Presbyterian church will meet Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 28, at 3:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Sluyter, 421 Prospect St.

G. V. Niles, manager of the Niles Ford dealers convention in Owosso Motor Sales Company, attended a Ford dealers convention in Owosso last Thursday.

New Spring Camisole Laces, Val Laces and Embroideries—on display Lace Department, D. W. Robinson's, Alma.—advertisement

Bookkeepers with ambition to become accountants write for descriptive booklet. Walton School of Commerce, 40 Campau Bldg., Detroit.—advertisement

New Spring Windsor Lingerie Crepe in maize, lavender, peach, light blue—beautiful designs—on display Piece Goods Dept. D. W. Robinson's, Alma.—advertisement

Dr. Edgerton of Clio was in Alma over the week end and attended the Michigan State Normal-Alma basketball game and the Zeta Sigma stag banquet Saturday evening.

New Spring Sport Shades of Non-Crush Dress Linen, 36-in., priced at \$1.25 per yard. On display Piece Goods Department, D. W. Robinson's, Alma.—advertisement

The Loyal Daughters of the King Bible class of East Superior Christian church had a business and social meeting on Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Buck of Republic avenue.

New Spring 33-in. Scotch Gingham in all the new shades and patterns, checks, plaids, and stripes. On display Piece Goods Department, D. W. Robinson's, Alma.—advertisement

The Ladies of the Altar Society of St. Mary's church will meet at Father Mulvey's residence Thursday, March 2nd, to arrange for St. Patrick's supper. All members are requested to be present.

George L. Tessey, a well-known Buffalo mechanic, said he had gained twelve pounds; his wife had gained twenty-six pounds and his daughter was gaining every day, by taking Tanlac. Look-Paterson Drug Co.—advertisement

## EAST ALMA

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Porter, Grove avenue, are taking a ten days' holiday visiting with old friends in Toledo.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyce Hanson, River avenue, are the proud and happy parents of a baby boy, born to them on Tuesday, February 11.

Miss Hilda Johnson, teacher in Republic school, had her tonsils removed at the hospital on Monday. She is making a good recovery.

The Arthur M. Robinson family has moved into the house on Dean street, formerly occupied by the Wright family.

Christian Eyer was a caller on Rev. and Mrs. Grierson, Grove avenue, on Saturday.

The Parent-Teachers club will meet at Republic school on Wednesday evening, March 8, at 7:30 p. m. A fine program is in preparation.

Eastminster Ladies' Aid meets with Mrs. Bentley, Eastward street, near Republic school, on Friday afternoon, February 24.

The Rev. J. M. Geiston, D. D., is giving a warm welcome to the community to share in the privilege of worship at Eastminster chapel on Sunday at 11:30 a. m. and the evening service at 7 p. m. Mr. Harold G. Denn, superintendent, and the teachers, give a hearty invitation to parents to bring their children to Sunday School at 10:30 a. m. Junior C. E. is at 3 p. m. and Senior C. E. meets at 6 p. m. These are splendid services and are greatly enjoyed by the young people.

The Jesse Augustine family, Grove avenue, is quarantined for whooping cough. It is a very mild form of the disease.

Miss Mary Grove, Elmwood avenue, is suffering with eye trouble.

Mrs. Orin Campbell, Hannah avenue, has gone for a visit with friends in North Star.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kruger from Michigan avenue has bought and moved into the house at 1406 Eastward street, formerly occupied by the A. M. Robinson family.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Switzer, Wilmette street, have a baby girl, born to them some days ago.

Master Ori Snyder, Highland avenue, who has been very sick for the past two weeks, is regaining health again. His many friends in this community wish him a speedy recovery.

Miss Fanny Gray, Grove avenue, has been called to Grand Rapids, on account of the illness of her sister, who is to undergo an operation.

Eastminster Chapel Sunday school is making a special drive to complete its cradle roll, under the leadership

of Mrs. Willard Peterson, chairman of the Cradle Roll committee.

Mr. and Mrs. John Briggs of Dighton and Grand Rapids were visiting Rev. and Mrs. Grierson, Saturday. Mr. Briggs was in Alma making contracts with owners of trucks to haul gravel, under the good roads program of the state.

## CITY COMMISSION

Alma, Mich., Feb. 21, 1922.  
Regular meeting of the City Commission of the city of Alma in session at the Council Chambers on above date.

Meeting called to order at 8 o'clock p. m. by Mayor Charles R. Murphy.

Present: Commissioners Creaser, Glass and Archer.

Absent: Commissioner Chick.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was declared to be in session.

Minutes of the preceding regular meeting were read and approved.

Reading of bills and claims:

G. Shong \$ 21.00  
H. Voller 36.00  
V. Lowe 25.80  
C. Hitchcock 26.40  
B. Williams 24.80  
H. Faught 12.00  
R. Scheib 30.00  
F. N. Grover 4.00  
E. C. Hasse 37.00  
J. Lutz 9.00

Alert Pipe & Supply Co. 17.15  
Alma Elec. & Battery Co. 1.80  
The Alma Journal 10.25  
Alma News Co. 5.50  
Amer. LaFrance Fire Eng. Co. 200.00  
The Chicago Sani Rag Co. 9.70

The Daley Feed Store 40.35  
Eugene Dietzgen Co. 3.28  
Gratiot County Oil Co. 56.18  
Ithaca Motor Sales Co. 32.17  
W. F. Markham 25.21  
Medlar Electric Co. 6.50  
Michigan Sugar Co. 56.25  
Morley Brothers 3.75  
Mrs. E. Moore 40.00  
National Motor Co. 22.50  
Standard Oil Co. 6.25  
Truck Parts & Fdy Co. 30.60  
R. H. Kersey 1,214.79

Moved by Commissioner Archer supported by Commissioner Glass that the above bills as read be allowed and the clerk instructed to issue checks in payment thereof covering vouchers Nos. 752 to 771. Ayes—Commissioners Creaser, Glass and Archer. Nays—none.

Commissioner Creaser moves and is supported by Commissioner Archer that Mr. R. H. Kersey be tendered a vote of appreciation by the Commission for the excellent work performed by him in producing a well for the city. The motion prevails.

Gas Test.

Feb. 14, 540.2; Feb. 15, 547.4; Feb. 16, 544.0; Feb. 17, 526.6; Feb. 18, 520.0; Feb. 20, 540.0; Feb. 21, 570.7.

Average B. T. U. for week, 541.3.

High test, 570.74. Low test, 520.00.

Required average, 530.0.

Moved by Commissioner Creaser supported by Commissioner Archer that the Commission adjourn. The motion prevails.

Francis C. Hayward, Clerk.

Charles R. Murphy, Mayor.

When is The Foolish Age?—advertisement

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Kettle roasts, lb	12c-15c	Kansas Bread Flour, best quality short patent, sk \$1.10	
Round Steak, lb	22c	Pastry flour, sack	\$1.00
Hamburger, lb	12c	Pancake flour, 5 lbs.	20c
Bologna, home made, lb	15c	Ginger snaps, 2 lbs	25c
Pork steak, lb	17c	Mixed cookies, lb	22c
Roasts, lb	20c-28c	Crackers, box lots, lb	12½c
Pork in chunk, lb	13c-18c	Sugar, per cwt.	\$6.00
Salt pork, lb	12c-16c	Karo Syrup, 10lb pail	50c
Home rendered lard in pail		Syrup, cane and maple, 2½ lb can	35c
lots, lb	13c	Apples, No. 10 can	60c
Smoked Ham Butts 4-5 lbs. per lb	15c	Apples, evaporated, lb	20c
Veal for stewing, lb	14c-18c	Prunes, medium size, 2 lbs.	28c
Kettle roasts, lb	24c	Apricots, fancy, lb	35c
Veal cutlets, per lb	25c-35c	Peaches in syrup, No. 2½ can	20c
Bacon in chunk, lb	22c	Mixed candy, lb	20c
Fowls and spring chickens lb	32c	Toilet soap, almond and cocoa oil, extra quality 3 bars	25c
Cheese, full cream, lb	28c	Soap flakes 3 lbs.	35c
Milk, tall can	10c	Good broom	40c
Coffee in bulk, extra values per lb	32c-35c		

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